## United States District Court District of Connecticut Kevin F. Rowe, Clerk

## **HELPFUL HINTS FOR COUNSEL**

- 1. Do make sure filings have original signatures, name, address and federal bar number printed beneath. (We prefer blue ink so we know it isn't a photocopy.) Each pleading must include a certificate of service.
- 2. Do not sign pleadings unless you have filed an appearance.
- 3. Do let us know if you have an address change in accordance with Local Rule 2. Just putting a different address on an appearance is not enough.
- 4. Do file pleadings in the correct seat of court.
- 5. Do include the judges initials after the case number.
- 6. Do not staple separate documents together.
- 7. Do not submit documents in a 3-ring binder, unless directed by a judge.
- 8. Do file original signed documents with only one case number, unless a consolidation order is entered by the court.
- 9. Do two-hole punch filings at the top center, especially big ones.
- 10. Do not use "blue backs" on your pleadings. They are not used in our court.
- 11. Do not file motions with titles that are so confusing that no one can figure out what relief you are seeking.
- 12. Do not send courtesy copies unless ordered by the judge.

13. Do call us if you have any questions, we are here to help you.